

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lately dead: Bill Roberts, Freda Elizabeth Michael, Ronald Francis.

Bill Roberts whose funeral will take place on Monday 20th 11am at Our Lady & St George, Shernhall Street, Walthamstow

Funerals at St Thomas'

Doris Skelt's funeral will take place on Tuesday 21st January at 1pm

Ellen Coyle's funeral will take place on Thursday 23rd January at 10am

Frank Fitzpatrick will be received into Church on 23rd January at 5pm.

His requiem mass will take place at 11am on 24th January and parishioners are invited to go into the Becket Centre for refreshments after the service.

Please note that there will be no 10am Mass on 24th of January.

SUNDAY MASSES

St. Thomas'

1st Mass Sat. 6pm; 8.30am;
10am (Children's Liturgy)
11.30am

Chigwell Convent

10am

St. James URC (Buckhurst Hill)

9am (Children's Liturgy)

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Thomas'

10am

Chigwell Convent

9.30am

Saturday 10am

(1st Weds of the month)

No morning Mass

Anniversaries:

Margaret Arthur, Gerald Cobb, Marlene Cooper, Mrs Morrill, Frances Piller, Victor Van Boolean, Rosa Black, Victor Charter, Fiona Daniels, Adolf Dourado, Peter Hinton, Michael Sullivan, Martha Tracey, Zofia Baranska, Philippe Camilleri, Patrick Grant, Hilda Hannigan, Madeleine Khai, Joseph Byrne, Annie Hill, Eric Leary, Ann Selfe, Hilda Stratford.

Parish Partnership

Visit tinurl.com/STOCSteward for information

Pray with the Pope

Daily prayers from Pope Francis. On our website click 'Let Us Pray' or download the app - available on Android and iOS.

Gospel Reflections

Reflections by Fr Adrian Graffy are on our website click 'Sunday Gospels'.



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Served by the Franciscans

2nd Sunday - Cycle A - Sunday 19th January 2020 Peace Day

Please note the nearest Fire Exit to you whilst you are in the Church

Today begins the season known as Ordinary Time, but even in Ordinary Time the Lord is as close as ever to bless us with word and sacrament.

First Reading Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

In this, the second of the "Servant Songs", a mysterious servant is called upon to be a light to the nations.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

At the start of his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul sends greetings to "the holy people of Jesus Christ".

Gospel John 1:29-34

John the Baptist points to Jesus as the one who "existed before me" and who is to "baptise with the Holy Spirit".



Responsorial Psalm

Here I am Lord, I come to do your will

Newsletter

To receive the newsletter by email please sign up on our parish website www.stthomaswoodford.org or mail communications@stthomaswoodford.org

Volunteers Social Event

"...my banquet is all prepared oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered. Come to the wedding...."

How can we sufficiently thank each of you - more than 300 - for your generosity in giving your time and energy to provide the necessary ministries and service to our parish?

So next Saturday you are all invited to a social event in the Becket.

Do not be shy. It will just be an informal drink and simple nibbles. And time to enjoy all that we share. We hoped you would tell us you are coming for catering purposes. So far only 70 have let us know. If you can tell the office you will come please do so.

Readers Course

It will be offered in Church next Saturday 25th starting at 10.30am. I have been instructed to make sure that the Church is warm! So far only 20 have told us they will take part.

You may be one of the good readers: we have many. But even these need refreshing. The BBC newsreaders engage in review and training at least once a month. We have more important news to proclaim.

Celebration of God's Word

The Pope has made this a feature for the whole year, with special emphasis next Sunday. At each Mass all readers will renew their commitment to this service and ministry. It will be done quite simply.

Parish Activities

Monday 20th January

Keep Fit in the Becket Centre at **8pm**

Wednesday 22nd January

SOUP RUN **7pm**

Journey of Faith in Assisi Room
7.30pm

Thursday 20th January

Liturgy Committee **7.30pm**

Saturday 25th January

Saturday School **10am** upstairs in the Becket Centre for children who do not attend Catholic Schools.

Readers Course **10.30am—3.30pm**

Volunteers Social Event **7—9pm**

Mass Online

Saturday vigil mass will be recorded and available to view online. To view mass online visit our parish website www.stthomaswoodford.org Click **Mass Online**, then click the link to **Online Mass**.

Second collection this weekend

There will be a second collection after all masses this weekend for Pax Christi

Jumble Sale—Help needed

CWL and the Chigwell sisters are hoping to hold a joint sale on Saturday 22 February. Sadly Ann Alphano who usually organised these has died and so we do not have contact details for the usual helpers. If you are willing to help on the day, whether you have done so before or not, please give your name and contact number to the parish office. We are particularly in need of strong men or ladies who could pack away at the end (4pm) and move everything left to the sheds. Your support would be most appreciated.

Redbridge Food Bank

As many of you will know, there is a growing need for emergency Foodbanks. From this week we will have our own Foodbank collection box at the back of Church. There is a leaflet with more information available at the back of church, this also tells you how the Redbridge Foodbank is administered. The box will be emptied weekly and we ask you to give generously.

A message from Helpers of God's precious Infants

Every Saturday from 7.30am until 11.30am, we hold a Prayer Vigil at Marie Stopes Clinic, 88 Russell Road, Buckhurst Hill. While we pray the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and other prayers across the road, our counsellors offer help of accommodation, baby equipment: and healing ministry to parents. Please join us for part or all of the vigil. For more details, phone 0208 82529459 or text 07960650517 or email roseodoherty@btinternet.com

Church Cleaning Friday 24th January at 9am

Maria-Clare Fawsett, Lisa McDonnell, Jackie John, Michelle Liddle, Breda Murphy

Becket Centre—Cleaner Vacancy 9 hours per week

We have a vacancy for a cleaner for the Becket Centre and adjoining areas. If you are interested please email Geraldine@stthomaswoodford.org with your CV and the names of two referees.

Confirmation Candidates Reminder

Please return the retreat indemnity forms and candidate forms by 24th January 2020 at the latest to the Parish Office.

Volunteers Please

We would like some more volunteers to join our Sunday morning Tea/Coffee rotas after the 10.00am mass and the 11.30am mass.

The 10.00am mass is once every 9 weeks and the 11.30am is once every 7 weeks.

Please if you can, come and speak to me in the Becket Centre after either mass or contact me on 0208 504 3839 or e-mail sheilapryor@hotmail.com

Loyola School open morning

Come and spend a morning at our school, with a guided tour and the opportunity to meet our Headmistress, staff and pupils. Tuesday 28th January 2020 9.30am – 11.30am.